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(54) Title: COLON AND COLON CANCER ASSOCIATED POLYNUCLEOTIDES AND POLYPEPTIDES

(57) Abstract: This invention relates to newly identified colon or colon cancer related polynucleotides and the polypeptides encoded by these polynucleotides herein collectively known as "colon cancer antigens", and the use of such colon cancer antigens for targeting specific cell types and/or diagnosing, detecting, preventing and treating disorders of the colon, particularly the presence of colon cancer and colon cancer metastases. This invention relates to colon cancer antigens as well as vectors, host cells, antibodies directed to colon cancer antigens and the recombinant or synthetic methods for producing the same. Also provided are diagnostic methods for diagnosing and treating, preventing and/or prognosing disorders related to the colon, including colon cancer, and therapeutic methods for treating such disorders. The invention further relates to screening methods for identifying agonists and antagonists of colon cancer antigens of the invention. The present invention further relates to inhibiting the production and function of the polypeptides of the present invention.

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